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President's Message

Greetings to the school librarians of Southern California!

We are starting another year of work together, which we hope to make a source of satisfaction in every sense. Our Bulletin has proven beneficial to those who have had it, and now that it is to go to all members, we hope it may be a valuable medium for the exchange of ideas and experiences to all. It can do this only through the cooperation of all, by sending to the publicity committee news of your own experiences, any of which might be of interest to others.

Ruth Lewis, President.



What Is Love?

What is love?

I asked a daisy by the garden wall.

Wooed by the wind

She knew, but would not tell.

I asked a rose.

Veiled fragrance only would she share.

Love's secrets lay

In wax-tipped petals swaying there.

I sought a brook.

Within each silver drop deep murmurs lay,

Kissed by the sun,

Unfathomed whispers went their way.

Then God sent you.

I lay my head against your breast

And asked no more.

For life has given answer to my quest.

Virginia Hall, La Cumbre Junior H. S.,
Santa Barbara, California

INSTITUTE PROGRAM

C. S. L. A.—Southern Section. Thursday Dec. 22, 1932

Business Meeting 9:30 A. M., Belmont High School
Library, 1575 West 2nd Street. Take Crown Hill
Car.

Speaker: Dr. Garland Greever, University of
Southern California.

Luncheon 12:30 P. M., Woman's Athletic Club, 833
South Flower Street.

Speakers: Dr. Malcolm Wallace, Principal of
University College, Toronto.

Dr. Harold R. Bruce, Dartmouth College.

In addition, there will be other interesting guests of
honor. Luncheon \$1.00. Requests for reservations,
with check, should reach Miss Katherine Folger,
Metropolitan High School, Los Angeles, not later than
December 15th.



Your Bulletin

The success of your Bulletin will depend entirely on the cooperation
of every member of the association. Your help is asked. Send in news items,
material that seems to you would interest others in the association, original
poems by our members, etc. The committee will publish as much of it as
there is space for. Some one has suggested a "Question and Answer Box."
If you like the idea send to the chairman your problem clearly stated and
we will obtain as competent a person to answer as possible. The more dues
paid the better the Bulletin.

Publicity Committee.

Reorganization in the Los Angeles Schools as It Affects School Libraries and Librarians.

By W. C. Conrad, Assistant Superintendent, L. A. City Schools.

The reorganization of the Los Angeles City Schools effected during the first six months of 1932 embraces in a greater or lesser degree every department of the city schools. It was a result not primarily of current public demand affecting all departments of government toward a reduced budget but of felt need of bringing all parts of the system into a more closely knit organization to permit of increased efficiency in operation.

The reorganization still leaves four departments in the city schools, the Educational Department being under the Superintendent of Schools. Directly under the Superintendent are three main divisions, those of Curriculum, Instruction, and Service. The Division of Curriculum in charge of Mr. Arthur Gould, newly appointed Deputy Superintendent, is subdivided into sections that develop the course of study and other sections charged with supervision. The Elementary Course of Study Section is in charge of Director, Dr. Madeline Everka, and the Secondary Course of Study Section is under Director, Dr. W. B. Featherstone. The school librarians organized as a subject field committee under the general chairmanship of Miss Harriet C. Robbins, Vice-Principal of Beverly Hills High School, will continue to cooperate with the Secondary Course of Study Section in building the library course of study. The supervisory sections in the Division of Curriculum are those of art, music, physical education, vocational and prevocational education, and educational research and guidance, each section directed by a

supervisor whose work, with some reservations, consists of a vertical supervision throughout the school system.

The Division of Instruction will be in charge of a deputy superintendent, to be appointed, and the general business of this division is superintendence as carried on by nine assistant superintendents, five of whom are in the elementary field and one in charge of junior high schools, one in charge of senior high schools and junior college, another responsible for adult education, and one in charge of special schools and classes.

The third main division, or that of Service, will be under a director, to be appointed, who will coordinate the work of seven sections as follows: Attendance and Employment of Minors, Health and Corrective Physical Education, Library and Textbook Activities, Safety, School Savings, Student Body Finances, Visual Education, including Classical Center and California History. The nature Exhibit embraced in this section is, however, working independently of the section for the present.

Librarians will find their relationships in each of three main divisions. Their relationship with the Secondary Course of Study Section has already been indicated and remains as in the past. In their status as teachers or teacher librarians they come as in the past under the general superintendence and supervision of the assistant superintendent in charge of high schools and junior college, Mr. W. L. Richer. Questions relating to their assignment or transfer or other personnel matters would concern Assistant Superintendent Jessie A. Tritt, in charge of personnel and assignments. The librarians will find a continuing relationship with the section of Library and Textbook Activities, one of the Service subdivisions charged with supplying instructional aids and materials in the form of books and magazines to both the elemen-

tary and junior and senior high schools of the district. The books include supplementary books for elementary schools, both library and textbooks for the junior and senior high schools and library books for the junior college. This section is in charge of Miss Jasmine Britton, Supervising Librarian. Pending the appointment of the director of the Division of Service, the elementary part of this section is in the administrative charge of Assistant Superintendent R. H. Lane, and the junior and senior high school and the junior college part of it is in the administrative charge of the writer.

The reorganization leaves the status of the teacher librarians unchanged. They are looked upon as rendering an essential service. This service falls in not a diminishing but increasing and developing field. Present day trends in both educational content and method call for more and more library service and elevate the librarian to a station of magnified importance.

Hawaiian Memories.

By Laura K. Martin, *Edna Allyn Room for Boys and Girls, Library of Hawaii.*

One of my bon voyage gifts when I left Honolulu was a book of poems in which was inscribed the message "May Hawaiian memories linger sweetly." Now the sojourner in Honolulu finds after some months at home that her memories are of many kinds, and if she in this article forsakes the memory of throbbing guitars and fragrant leis to talk of schools and school libraries, as she saw them, it is not only because she is chronicling her adventure for a professional journal. A Hallowe'en spent at a home for the children of lepers, and an evening at a P.T. A. (where a Hawaiian man presided) with the audience of children and kimonoed Japanese women sitting on benches in the barest of

auditoriums, were as much a part of her life in Honolulu as swimming at Waikiki or picnicking at Lanikai.

It is a commonplace to say that one must go abroad in order to appreciate one's home, but the saying applies with special force to the schools of Honolulu. In a land of breathtaking natural beauties it is quite shocking to find that the schools are the stepchildren of the Territory. The attitudes and conditions responsible for this state of affairs are too complicated to be discussed here. It is sufficient to state that the government provides only buildings, cheap frame bungalows for elementary plants, and teachers' salaries, and that the children buy their own books and supplies. Pianos, victrolas, or pictures are to be found only in schools with enterprising P.T. A.'s or principals. One sees clearly the value which the Oriental places upon education for his children in the fact that all the children find the money (about five dollars a year) to pay for their books. But real sacrifice is oftentimes involved, and a rental system is now being inaugurated which should help greatly.

Under conditions of this kind, it is remarkable that school libraries exist at all in the Islands. Much credit for their development must be laid, I think, at the door of the Library of Hawaii which for many years has had such splendid leadership as to prove a stimulus to all book-loving people of Honolulu. The Stations Department, which furnishes the books for most of the schools, the Boys' and Girls' Department, with its book talks and its story hours, and the rather new Parents' and Teachers' Room,—all have held open house for teachers in their special fields, and have made them of the city feel that books and more books are indispensable.

Teachers in Honolulu pay a heavy price for a library in their building and it is only in the larger elementary schools that it can be managed. The librarian is one of the regular staff and must be listed on the payroll

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with a regular assignment of pupils. Other teachers in the building divide her class among themselves, thus paying in added pupil load for the privilege of having a library. One of the most enterprising librarians in Honolulu is an Hawaiian teacher who has only half a day to spend in the library, but she knows her children and ministers understandingly to their needs. Another large elementary school has for librarian a very conscientious American teacher with no library training who last year was cataloguing a collection of books which had been neglected for several years. She eagerly sought the Public Library for suggestions: such a matter as the arrangement of fiction on the shelves had bothered her until we told her that shelving by author was the generally accepted way. Within the school system there were no trained librarians to consult, and the reading supervisor was attempting to work out a system of classification which would parallel the course of study.

A notable exception to the poverty of school libraries is to be found in Punahoa, the large private school in Honolulu, which boasts two trained librarians and a book fund of several dollars per year per pupil. Last year for the first time this library opened its doors for the circulation of books to the neighborhood children.

Altogether, the schools of Honolulu illustrate again the old story that flowers of real joy in work and complete devotion to an ideal may flourish in the rocky soil of inadequate funds and unattractive buildings. To have had lunch in a schoolroom where the teacher eats with the children in order that her pupils,—Chinese, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Japanese, and Filipino,—may learn that a meal has ceremonies all of its own; to have been introduced to the children by a dark-skinned portly woman whose voice as she told the children I was from the Library of Hawaii (Ha-va-ee) had the mellow richness native only to the Paradise

Isles;— all this is to have lived for a time in another world, and to have returned home knowing that indeed "Hawaiian memories linger sweetly."

Minutes of June 4, 1932.

By Elizabeth Neal, Secretary, Southern Section, California School Library Association.

The spring meeting of the Southern Section of the California School Library Association was held at the Beach Club, San Clemente. The business meeting convened at 10 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Miss Josephine Kenkel.

The minutes of the Joint Meeting at Santa Barbara held on May 7, 1932, were read and approved.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on May 14th, were read and approved.

Miss Kenkel voiced her sincere appreciation to the officers and Committee Chairmen for their loyal support during the past year.

The report of the Professional Committee, Miss Marian Gwinn, Chairman, was read by Miss Estill, in the absence of the chairman. Detailed reports of each Committee Chairman are on file with the secretary, together with their recommendations.

A report of the sub-committee of the professional committee, Miss Faith E. Smith, Chairman, was read by Miss Estill. This committee prepared a chapter on a "Tentative Course in Literature for Children," to be included in a state syllabus for teachers colleges. This was done at the request of Mrs. Evelyn Clement, of the State Department of Education.

The report of the Membership Committee, Miss Ruby Charlton, Chairman, was read. Miss Charlton recommended that more persons be urged to pay their dues next year.

The report of the Publicity Committee, Miss Edna Anderson, Chair-

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man, was read, together with the recommendations of the Committee.

The report of the Program Committee, Miss Drake, Chairman, was read. Miss Drake recommended the appointing for next year of a chairman together with several sub-chairmen, to take charge of the detailed tasks of her committee.

The report of the Social Committee, Miss Alline Speer, Chairman was read.

The report of the Book Committee, Miss Ella Morgan, Chairman, was read by the secretary, Miss Morgan not being present.

A motion was made and carried that the reports and recommendations of these committees be accepted as read.

The report of the treasurer, Miss Lenore Townsend, was read.

The motion was made and carried that the report of the treasurer as of June 1 be accepted and filed.

The motion was made and carried that the Southern Section of the California School Library Association renew its contributing membership in the American Library Association.

A motion was made and carried authorizing the Executive Board to give the Cafeteria management of the Los Angeles Public Library \$5.00 in appreciation of their cooperation in furthering the Book Breakfasts during the past year.

A communication from Mr. Milam, Secretary of the American Library Association, presenting the resolutions of the American Library Association in convention at New Orleans, was read by the secretary.

A letter from Mrs. Rosa Cage Mauger, expressing her appreciation for the letter from the joint session at Santa Barbara was read by the secretary.

The chairman, Miss Kenkel, urged that this association seek to strengthen its connection with the Northern Section through an increased number of

subscriptions to the Northern Bulletin during the coming year.

The motion was made and carried that the resolution presented by the Professional Committee be adopted: It is as follows:

Resolution regarding the establishment of a Library School in Southern California.

"Whereas, We must not allow our professional plans to sink in the slough of the economic depression, but taking all due thought of the economic situation, we must make constructive plans for the future, based on the hope for a speedy recovery to normal conditions; and

Whereas, We may expect an expansion in the school library field in the near future, judging by the phenomenal growth of the past few years; and

Whereas, There are many teacher-librarians holding positions without professional library training, showing the need for a conveniently located accredited library school in both of the densely populated sections of the State; and Whereas, The greatest number of vacancies in library work occur south of the Tehachapi; an

Whereas, The metropolitan district of the South offers a rich and varied field for practice work in all types of library work; and

Whereas, With the discontinuance of the library school of the Los Angeles Public Library, there will be no library school in Southern California accredited with the A. L. A.; and

Whereas, Unless the transfer rather than the discontinuance of this school be effected, a great hardship will be suffered by the alumni of the school; and

Whereas, Both the University of Southern California and the Los Angeles Public Library favor a transfer of the Los Angeles Library School from the Public Library to the University of Southern California; therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that such a transfer

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should be effected as soon as possible and practicable."

Miss Kenkel brought to the attention of the meeting a letter which she had received from Miss Cook relative to the harmful and destructive effect which certain types of project work being assigned by teachers was having on the books and periodicals in the library. She desired that this meeting might express itself relative to the practice of picture clipping as practiced in connection with project type of assignment.

A motion was made and carried to refer this matter to the Professional Committee of next year for study and investigation with authority to act.

The newly elected officers for the year 1932-33 were introduced by the chairman. They are as follows:
President: Miss Ruth Lewis
Vice-President: Miss Ruby Charlton
Secretary: Miss Marian Gwinn
Treasurer: Miss Katherine Folger

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Neal, Secretary

At the close of the business session the meeting adjourned to Travaglini's Cafe in San Clemente, where a delightful luncheon and program was held.

Details of the luncheon program were as follows:

Toastmistress— Miss Folger.

12:30— Luncheon.

Program—

Book reviews: "Books for summer reading," Miss Zimmerman, of the Long Beach Public Library.

"Uncle Sam's Camels," a delightful talk relative to the author's investigations and findings in the course of the preparation of this book, Prof. L. B. Lesley, Teachers College, San Diego, California.

Some thirty-seven persons were in attendance at this luncheon.

Book Breakfast Club.

By Doris Brush Payne, *Chairman*.

Although we all realize that no one can take Miss Ella Morgan's place as the inspiration and guide of the Book Breakfast Club, we do feel that we can relieve her of some of the routine work connected with it, and we hope that with the aid of the school librarians of Southern California we can carry on the splendid work of the past two years.

The committee will continue along the same general lines of organization that proved so successful last year. Miss Abbie Doughty of Garfield High School is at the head of the Sub-committee on Book Selection; Miss Verna Andrews of LeConte Junior High School is in charge of the Book Supply group; Miss Daisy Lake of Glendale High School is responsible for the compiling of the mimeographed lists used at the meetings; and Miss Statie Weber of Hollywood High School is chairman of the sub-committee whose job it is to prepare the lists of recommended and rejected titles for publication.

The committee feels that the effectiveness of the work depends upon the large number of librarians who contribute liberally of their time and energy to the actual reviewing of new publications, and we wish to thank them for their continued support and to invite all others who are interested to be present at the meetings and share in our discussions.

Long Beach Elementary Reading List.

By Alice B. Lewis, *Supervisor, Boys' and Girls' Dep't., Long Beach Public Library.*

That the bugbear known as "Required Reading" need not trouble school children in Long Beach is evidenced by the attractive book lists which were placed in their hands this

autumn. The list for elementary pupils bears the simple title "Books," and the cover is enlivened by a reproduction in color of one of Jessie Wilcox Smith's Book Week posters. Below the picture appear the inviting words, "Treasure Room," and the succeeding pages sustain the interest aroused by the cover.

Through the generous cooperation of the publishers in supplying cuts, many illustrations from the books listed have been included. The outstanding characteristics of these illustrations is action, and they cannot fail to stimulate the interest of children in the books from which they are taken.

The books themselves represent high standards of selection and cover a wide range of reading interests. Brief descriptive annotations designed to attract young readers accompany the titles. There is neither grading nor grouping of titles in the body of the list, but there is a subject index.

Congratulations to Mrs. White and to the school librarians who have helped her to make so fine a list.

(Above may be obtained by sending 15c to Curriculum Department, City Schools, 715 Locust Ave., Long Beach, California.)

San Diego Jr. H. S. List.

San Diego librarians and teachers in the Junior H. S. under the leadership of Miss Ora M. Draper have prepared a "Home reading guide" for Junior H. S. pupils that correlates with the curriculum. The cover in color is a reproduction of the poster "Books" by the National Association of Book Publishers. The booklet is illustrated with cuts from the courtesy of the publishers. The titles are not graded; brief annotations are given; and in the back additional blank pages for further titles. It is an excellent guide and our southern members are to be congratulated.

School Library Yearbook.

The fifth School Library Yearbook edited by Miss Jasmine Britton, is out and should be in the possession of every school librarian. Fine articles setting forth standards for elementary and secondary school libraries are included. Of special interest to Southern California school librarians are the articles dealing with the Los Angeles school system edited by Miss Ella Morgan. Miss Morgan is beloved by all who know her and this first appearance of chapters from the book she and her committee are preparing will be welcomed by all. Many fine illustrations and floor plans accompany the articles. We congratulate Mr. Conrad, Assistant Superintendent of Los Angeles City Schools, for conceiving the idea, and we congratulate Miss Morgan and her splendid committee. We wish them success for the speedy completion of the book.

1933 Spring Meeting of C. S. L. A.

The California Library Association has very kindly set their annual meeting for April 10th, 11th and 12th. That is beginning on Monday of the spring vacation of California schools. The joint meeting of the C. S. L. A. will probably start at noon on Sunday, April 9th, with a luncheon followed by a business meeting. What a splendid way to combine a vacation and fellowship with our own profession and especially the C. L. A. members. Let's go!

Membership Dues!

Membership dues of one dollar, plus fifty cents for the Bulletin are now payable to the treasurer, Miss Katherine Folger of Metropolitan High School, Los Angeles.

This is the last time the Bulletin will be sent you unless your dues are paid!

You and Your Friends.

Miss *Laura Katharine Martin* is traveling librarian for three Long Beach Elementary Schools. Miss Martin spent four months in the Library of Hawaii and her article appears in this bulletin.

Miss *Alice Voettener*, assistant librarian at the Fullerton Union H. S. Library has changed her name to Mrs. Thomas L. Agnew, the event taking place the latter part of June.

Several librarians visiting Santa Barbara have been interested to find a very unique lending library, "The Tecolote Book Shop," to be found in El Paseo. Visitors to Santa Barbara might keep this in mind for the next trip. Another unusual library is the "Ship Library," serving residents of the Mission Canyon district. It is a branch of the Public Library and is open one afternoon a week. It is artistically housed, with ship models around the room.

Miss *Hazel Zimmerman*, who for several years has been Principal of the Adult Department of the Long Beach Public Library resigned in September and was appointed Librarian at the Lindbergh Junior High School to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Elsie Gadbois Kroesche.

With the opening of the school year a separation in the administration of the *Long Beach Junior College*, and *Woodrow Wilson High School* was effected. This involves the separation of the two libraries and the removal of the Junior College library to new quarters in the college wing. Space formerly occupied as a band and orchestra room was utilized for the new library which was ready for use at the close of registration in September. The librarians now in charge of the Junior College library are Miss *Fay Tunison*, Mrs. *E. Ridell White*, and Miss *Edna Hay*,

clerical assistant. Miss *Helen Iredell* and Miss *Loreand Hopkins* remain in charge of the Wilson library with Miss *Charla Bowles* as clerical assistant.

Books Recommended for School Librariies at the Book Breakfast, May 1932. Prepared by the Book Committee of the C. S. L. A., Southern Section

ALLEN, F. L., *Only Yesterday*. 1931
Harper, \$3.00. 11-12 & J. C. — America in the 1920's, historical, political and social. Both sides of the question are presented, and both ridiculed, but with a kindness which saves the book from sophistication.

BROWN, A., *Kingdom in the Sky*. 1932 Macmillan, \$2.50. J. C. Faculty.

An imaginative story of the after life in which a group of very modern people discover that the hopes and fears, ambitions and ideals known on earth persist after death.

CLOUD, A. J. & KERSEY V., *Episodes in the Life of George Washington*. An unpretentious book based on secondary sources that relates the story of Washington in an uncritical, but interesting fashion with many colorful, well authenticated details. Unlike Fay the authors present Washington as always right and always a hero.

COOLIDGE, D., *Navajo*. 1930, Houghton, \$4.00. 9 up— An easily read, rather pleasing account of the history, social life, characteristics and customs of the Navajo Indians.

CRAINE, E. J., *Conquistador*. 1931
Duffield & Green, \$2.50. 8-11— An historical account of the Spanish

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Conquistadors in their colonization of the territory from Panama to North Chili. Good collateral as it is authentic, interesting and easy to read.

Famous Fortunes; Intimate stories of financial success. 1931, Bradley, \$2.50. 7-11—
A series of short biographies presenting in thrilling narrative the building of the wealth and industrial dynasties of thirteen of America's fabulously wealthy men. Business rivalries, both good and bad, are recorded.

FAY, B., George Washington, Republican Aristocrat. 1931, Houghton, J. C. Faculty—

The author's thesis (based on an original study of source material at the Huntington Library) is that Washington was heart and soul with the landowning gentry of Virginia, yet as a man of action rather than a theorist, he became the trusted leader of the revolutionists. (Not recommended for a small library.)

FILENE, E. A., Successful Living in This Machine Age. 1931, Simon, \$2.50. 12-J. C.—

The author believes that an intelligent acceptance of mass production will solve many modern problems, such as wages, war, education, tariff, socialism, etc. (The book is for the advanced student.)

GOLDING, L., Magnolia Street. 1932, Farrar & Rinehart. \$2.50. Adults—
Tells the story of Jewish and Gentile families during the last thirty years in a slum street of Manchester. Full of gusto, humor, sympathy, realism, vivid aliveness and a sincere conviction of the permanent value of religious faith.

GOODALE, K., Behind the Scenes with Edwin Booth. 1931, Houghton, \$4. 11-J. C.—

Record of day by day impressions of this great actor in his dressing room, in the wings, on the stage and in his private life.

HANNA, P. T. Libros Californianos. 1932, Zeitlin, pa. \$1.00, bd. \$1.50. J. C. & up—

This compilation of California books is supplemented by lists from three other authorities on California.

HOOPER, C. H., To My Son at Twenty-One. 1932, Author, Glendale, California. \$50. 12-J. C.—
Good ethical advice, not too goody-goody. Approved for older boys.

JOHNSON, W. F., The National Flag. 1930, Houghton, \$2.00. 10-12—
History of the American flag told in detail. Is thorough and accurate. Disproves some of the popular stories of the origins, etc. Appendix on rules for display. Good for reference.

KENT, L. A., Two Children of Tyre. 1932, Houghton, \$2.00. 5-7—
Ship-building, dyeing, glass blowing, the Phoenician alphabet, temple ceremonies, are all woven into the story. There is adventure to hold the interest. Characters are real individuals. Printed in attractive form.

LA FARGE, OLIVER, Sparks Fly Upward. 1931, Houghton, \$2.50. Adults—

Adventurous tale of Estaban, "a Central-American Indian in the 1850's, torn between his Indian heritage and his love for a Spanish girl" narrated.

LATTIMORE, O., Manchuria, Cradle of Conflict. 1932, Macmillan, \$3. J. C.—

This book gives valuable background for a better understanding of the Far Eastern question. Folkways, racial development, habits and customs of Mongolians, Manchurians and Chinese are clearly presented.

LAWRENCE, J., Bernt Balchan: Viking of the Air. 1931, Brewer and Putnam, \$1.75. 9-12—

Enthusiastic sketch of the exploits of the man who sat at the controls of the airplane which flew over the south

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pole. Very lauditory account of his youthful feats in skiing, boxing, fishing and flying. A man fitted to be the hero of boys for his cleanliness, intense application and modesty.

MCNARY, L. K., *California, Spanish and Indian Place Names*. Wetzel, Los Angeles. \$1.50—

The forward by J. S. McGroarty says "first really complete and exhaustive roster yet made."

MALVIL, A., *Seven Stars*. 1932, Macmillan. \$2.00 Faculty—

Subtle story of escape from fear, of the development of a larger vision, and an understanding that sorrow is a very precious vintage.

MILLER, M. B., *Without Sanctuary*. 1932, Macmillan, \$1.25. J. C. & Faculty—

There is much concern for the soul in this pleasing volume of lyrical verse. A veil of mysticism softens the harshness of living that so frequently unnerves the less courageous mind.

MIMMS, & MORITZ, G. W., *Awakening Community*. 1932, Macmillan, \$2.00. 11-J. C.—

Story of the State Community Work in Louisiana. It takes up the organized community, the Folk school and the value of cooperative farm organizations. While it emphasizes the rural community, it also deals with community organizations in cities, and is inspirationally told.

NEUMANN, D., *Sperli the Clockmaker*. 1932, Macmillan, \$2.00. 4-6—

Gives a good picture of simple German life and thought. Gives no definite information about clock making. Shows the care and feeling that peasants put into their clocks. Excellent black and white drawings.

O'CONNOR, N. J. *There Was Magic in Those Days*. n. d. Stokes, \$2.00. 4-6—

A fairy tale somewhat similar to Gulliver's travels, and probably the Irish version of the same tale. Delightfully told by an Irish-American poet, the book has an atmosphere of enchantment, romantic adventure.

PHILLPOTTS, E., *Stormbury*. 1932, Macmillan, \$2.00. 10- J. C.—

No plot, but excellent characterization of a doctor, a clergyman, the village nurse and others. The main interest centers in the love of feuds of the Veryard family. Pleasantly readable, reminding one of Blackmore.

RUSSEL, C. E., *Charlemagne*. 1931, Houghton, \$4.00. J. C.—

A readable and thought-provoking account of Charlemagne and his times, comparing modern life with the medieval. Rather advanced for high school.

TIETJENS, E., *Boy of the South Seas*. 1931, Coward-McCann. \$2.50. 5-6—

A fine picturization of the life of a modern south sea island boy of the Polynesian race. The traditions, superstitions and customs of these people are shown, as well as the problems which this rapidly dying race is facing today.

WEEDON, ..Modern ..Encyclopaedia. 8 vols. 1931 S. L. Weedon. \$49.75. 8-12—

Information accurate, complete and up-to-date. Paper good, also typography and illustrations. Editorial well-known. Articles not signed but written by specialists and cover the field adequately. Illustrations and maps add to the articles. Alphabetically arranged. No index.

WHITE, S. E. *The Long Rifle*. 1932, Doubleday, \$2.50. 10-12—

A story of life and conditions in the Rockies in 1820 among the trappers. Told in detail with Stewart Edward White's usual care. Excellent supplementary material and interesting reading for history.



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